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Catholic Schools Week

February 1-8



February Newsletter

“Sharing our Story, Celebrating our Faith”

Principal’s Message

We begin the month of February with the province wide Catholic Schools Week celebration. This year’s theme is “Sharing Our Story, Celebrating Our Faith”. It is a week to celebrate Catholic education, an education that nurtures spiritual growth and upholds high scholarly standards. Prince George Catholic schools have a rich history of dedicated Catholic volunteers known as the Frontier Apostolate and many religious sisters and brothers to thank for the eight schools in the diocese. Here at Sacred Heart School we were blessed to have had those such as Bishop Jordan who asked the Sisters of St. Ann to build and staff the school in 1946, with the help of the Oblate Brothers, many volunteers and parish members the school opened in 1949. In 1968 the Presentation Brothers dedicated their time and energy until 1997. During that time the school benefited from the Frontier Apostles movement thanks to the late Bishop Fergus O’Grady and the many young men and women who ventured to Prince George from all parts of the world. Today we even have a few of those people among us: Miss Power and Mrs. Murphy as well as a few parents in our school community. Our school is blessed with a rich and diverse history. Today we honor and give tribute to our past and the efforts of all those who made and continue to make Sacred Heart School a reality. I look forward to building upon our rich history, creating new and everlasting memories as we continue to foster an enriching school environment with Christ as our model.

Virtue Of The Month:	Respect
Goal Of The Month:	Showing love for others in our speech and in our actions.

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Of Special Interest

- February 5th, 2010
Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service at 9:15 AM
- February 16th, 2010
Pancake Breakfast for Shrove Tuesday
- February 17th, 2010
Ash Wednesday—Mass @ 9AM
- February 19th, 2010
PSG Beach Party & Dance
- February 26th, 2010
Full Day Pro D.
No classes for K-7
- February 26th, 2010
Registration for Sept. Kinder

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Sports Events

Basketball Season: *The Basketball Season is underway with practices and some scheduled games. Mandatory practices are scheduled for each Tuesday, with optional practices taking place most Wednesdays. Games will start on Feb. 11th. Students have brought home a schedule of these practices and games. The Annual Basketball Tournament will take place at Sacred Heart School on Friday, March 26th & Saturday, March 27th 2010.*



Ski Trip: Our annual ski trip for the Grade 5, 6 and 7 students is scheduled for this Thursday, February 4th at Purden Ski Hill. These students are looking forward to a fun day with skiing and snowboarding. Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to help with this field trip.



Charitable Donation Receipt Envelopes

Charitable Donation Receipts will be available for pick-up in the school office the first week of March 2010. The Charitable Donation Receipt Envelopes will be filed alphabetically by family name. If your receipt envelope is not picked up by Friday, March 5th, 2010, it will be mailed to you, unless you specifically request otherwise.

P.G. Speech Arts & Drama Festival 2010

We are delighted to report that all grades at Sacred Heart School have entered in the annual P.G. Speech Arts and Drama festival which will take place at U.N.B.C. in late April. Kindergarten/Grade 1 will present, "The Goblinade", a piece about a mischievous member of the fairy world. Grade 2 and 3 will prepare a Japanese-themed selection from the "The Mikado". The Grade 4 to 7 students will perform excerpts from the plays of William Shakespeare.



Helping Haiti Bake Sale

A million thanks to all who donated items for our Helping Haiti fundraiser and to those who purchased items. There was a magnificent response and we are most grateful to you all for your terrific generosity. We tried to return those containers with names on them. If you have not received yours, it will be making its way home this week once the last sale is over. The funds raised will be matched by the Government and routed through "Development and Peace", a Catholic aid organization with projects in Haiti. Very well done, Sacred Heart School Families!!

SPRING BREAK: MARCH 8-12, 2010

REMINDER OF EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 11:30 AM.

EARLY LEARNING DATES IN FEBRUARY: February 8th, 15th and 22nd from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.

SCIENCE FAIR CLUB: A group of very interested students meets each Tuesday at lunch under the direction of Mr. John Rex. They are working on their projects for our Science Fair which will be held in early March. Winners will go on to the District Science Fair at UNBC. Thanks so much to Mr. Rex.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING—February 2010



Pancake Breakfast: Volunteers are needed for approximately one (1) hour (8:00 am to 9:00 am) on Tuesday, February 16th, 2010. If you would like to help out please contact: Sheri-Lee Prudente at: 562-2735.

All help is greatly appreciated.

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN:

The Provincial Government is planning to introduce full-day Kindergarten programming into all schools by September 2011. We have been informed that Sacred Heart School has been selected to be in the first phase of implementation. Students entering Kindergarten in September 2010 will benefit from full day Kindergarten, i.e., full day, five days per week. NOTE: Though it will be a full day, the Kindergarten curriculum and the amount of work for each student has not increased, only their time at school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK: We have many wonderful activities planned for this week, February 1-5, at Sacred Heart School. A letter detailing these events was sent home last week. Just a reminder that this Wednesday will be Pajama Day, when all students and staff are invited to wear their PJ's to school. As well, there will be a Prayer Service on Friday morning at 9:15 and all parents and family members are invited to this service.

COMMUNITY/PARISH EVENTS

Sacred Heart School Registrations

Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for all grades (K-7) for the 2010/2011 school year. If your child/ren have any younger siblings who will be of school age (Kindergarten) this Fall please pick up your registration form at the school office, or, at your request we could send the registration home with the eldest sibling.

Kindergarten Registration Day—Friday, February 26 from 8:30—3:00 pm
Spread the word about our wonderful school!!

Verification Sheets: Pre-registration forms will be sent home in early February 2010. Please ensure that you fill the forms out and return by the noted date to ensure your spot for the 2010-2011 school year. Also, if necessary, please update any changes to the verification sheet or make note on the bottom anything you feel is pertinent for us to know and record in your child's file. Thanks.



FIRST RECONCILIATION: The sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place on Thursday, March 4th, 2010 at Sacred Heart Cathedral beginning at 6:30 P.M. This sacramental preparation is offered to students in Grade three and those desiring to celebrate it in higher grades who have not already done so. If you wish your child to prepare and participate, please contact the school for further information.



Have A Great Catholic Schools Week!

IMPORTANT EVENTS—February 2010

2nd	2:15 to 3:15	*	Basketball Practice—Mandatory
3rd		*	Pajama Day
		*	Staff Meeting—NO Basketball Practice
4th	8:30 to 4:30	*	Grade 5/6/7 Field Trip to Purden Ski Hill
5th	9:15 A.M.	*	Education Week Prayer Service in Cathedral
		*	Pizza Lunch
05th	12:30 to 1:30	*	Skate Session—Grades 1/2/3
08th	12:30 to 1:30	*	Early Learning Session—Library
	7:00 P.M.	*	Parent Support Group Meeting in Library
09th	2:15 to 3:15	*	Basketball Practice—Mandatory
09th	7:00 P.M.	*	School Council Meeting in Library
10th	2:15 to 3:15	*	Basketball Practice—Optional
11th	3:00 P.M.	*	Girls' Basketball Game at Immaculate Conception School
	3:45	*	Boys' Basketball Game at Immaculate Conception School
12th	8:30 A.M.	*	Assembly
		*	Primary Rotation for St. Valentine's Day and 100th Day
		*	Pizza Lunch
	12:30 to 1:30	*	Skate Session—Gr. 4/5/6/7
14th	11:00 A.M.	*	Parish/School Mass
15th		*	Milk Orders Due
	12:30 to 1:30	*	Early Learning Session in Library
16th	8:30 A.M.	*	Pancake Breakfast for Shrove Tuesday
	2:15 to 3:15	*	Basketball Practice—Mandatory
17th	9:00 A.M.	*	Ash Wednesday—Mass
		*	Staff Meeting—NO Basketball Practice
18th		*	Pizza Lunch
	2:45 P.M.	*	Girls' Basketball Game at Sacred Heart
	3:30 P.M.	*	Boys' Basketball Game at Sacred Heart
19th	12:30 to 1:30	*	Gr. 4/5/6/7 Skating
	6:30 P.M.	*	PSG Beach Dance and Party in Gym
22nd	12:30 to 1:30	*	Early Learning Session—Library
23rd		*	Primaries—Indoor Tennis in Gym
	2:15 to 3:15	*	Basketball Practice—Mandatory
	7:00 P.M.	*	School Council Meeting
24th	2:15 to 3:15	*	Basketball Practice—Optional
25th		*	Pizza Lunch
	2:45 P.M.	*	Boys' Basketball Game at Sacred Heart
	3:30 P.M.	*	Girls' Basketball Game at Sacred Heart
25th		*	Primaries—Indoor Tennis in Gym
26th		*	FULL DAY PRO D—NO CLASSES FOR K-7
26th	8:30—3:00	*	Kindergarten Registration for Sept. 2010

“Treat all People with Dignity and Respect”